

Alleged Evasion of Customs Duty

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THORAT:

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SHASTRI:

SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the alleged evasion of customs duty upto Rs. 100 crores as reported in the 'Hindu' (Delhi edition) of February 21, 1992;

(b) if so, the facts of the case;

(c) the outcome of the investigations, if any, made into this case;

(d) the stage at which the matter stands at present;

(e) the details of other such cases which came to the notice of the Government during the last six months; and

(f) the preventive measures taken to check recurrence of such cases in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (e). Directorate of Revenue Intelligence is investigating the alleged large scale misuse to the Duty Exemption Entitlement Certificate Scheme through the land Customs Station, Tikonon on the Indo-Nepal Border by some firms as reported in the 'Hindu' dated 21st February, 1992. Further investigations are still in progress.

(f) The field formations have been suitably alerted.

**Purchase of Woollen Blankets by
DGS&D**

3944. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minis-

ter of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blankets for which orders were placed with Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) during 1990-91 and 1991-92 by DGS&D;

(b) the number of blankets received so far and the rates paid for them;

(c) the percentage of rebate and the total rebate paid to KVIC;

(d) the agencies which supplied the blankets and the quantity supplied by each agency.

(e) whether rebate is sanctioned or paid only if the blankets are produced in the Khadi & Village Industries Sector;

(f) whether before release of rebate KVIC, the Government ascertained that the blankets were produced in the Khadi & Village Industries Sector, if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Government are aware that these blankets were purchased by the supplying agencies from the Mills sector and

(h) if so, the investigations made in regard and the outcome thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI S. MAN KHURSHED): (a) and (b). Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals placed orders for following number of woollen blankets with Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC): —

1990-91	-	90,546 Nos.
1991-92	-	5,31,315 Nos.

Out of this the following number of b